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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief/Project

FROM : Chief/Air Support

SUBJECT : Estimated Black Flight Requirement, Phase Four

1. The following is an estimate of the number of black flights which will be required to support PP and PM activities after completion of delivery of all CAT 1 and CAT 2 cargo.

2. It is estimated that phase two and three will be completed between 20 and 25 May. After completion these phases the [ ] air crews will be used to transport by air all CAT 3 cargo to SOMERSET. It is estimated that this movement will require approximately 10 black flights starting on or about 29 May and ending by 5 June. Upon completion this delivery the two sterile C-47's will be left at SOMERSET. The third C-47 will be used to return air crews to [ ]

3. During the period between 25 May and 29 May one flight will be required into [ ] for purpose of delivering PP leaflets (approx 2,000 lbs.) These leaflets are to be ground infiltrated into WSBURNT from WSHOOFS.

4. PP requirement for black flights:

a. (D-5) One black flight for leaflet drop (125,000 leaflets - 6 point handbill) approx 200 lbs.

b. (H-one hour) One black flight for leaflet drop (175,000 leaflets Llega la Hora) approx 300 lbs.

c. (D+1 A.M.) One black flight for leaflet drop (125,000 leaflets Castillo Armas D-Day declaration) approx 300 lbs.

d. (D+1 P.M.) One black flight for leaflet drop (175,000 leaflets Nuestro Libertador) approx 400 lbs.

Plan to use [ ] acft (A-20 if made availabe and use US air crew (One pilot and one kicker)

5. PM requirement for black flights - D Day +

a. Air drop 95 bundles @250 lbs each toatal weight 23750 lbs. Will require 8 or 10 flights.

b. Air drop 28 bundles @190 lbs each: total weight 5,320 lbs. Will require approx 2 or 4 flights

c. Air drop 5 bundles @100 lbs each: total weight 500 lbs. Will require approx 1 or 2 flights.

(d. Plus misc items 22 bundles @150 lbs: 2 flights)

Plan to use two sterile C-47's (now available) and use sterile U.S. crew under contract to RUFUS. Total estimate = 11 flights minimum, 18 flights maximum.

6. Probable missions:

D-3	ARMATITLAN	8 bundles	2 flights
*D+1	COBAN	20 bundles	2 flights
D+1	JALAPA	13 bundles	2 flights
D+2	PALENCIA	13 bundles	2 flights
D+2	JUTIAPA	20 bundles	2 flights
*D+3	QUEZALTENANGO Quiche Road intersection	20 bundles	2 flights
*D+3	PROGRESSO Road intersection	20 bundles	2 flights
		Bundles = 114	14 Flights

* = Most probable resupply point

Stand by alert to drop balance approx 36 bundles 4 Flights

Probable maximum total = 18 Flights

7. Air Crew Requirement (Flight Crew)

5 Pilots
4 Cargo kickers = 9

(2 Ground Crew Chiefs) 2

TOTAL = 11

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